

December 6, 2017

NEASC Accreditation Visit

Thank you to all faculty, staff, parents and students who have assisted with our New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation visit. We appreciate your support!

School Vacation is December 21 (Half-Day) to January 1 **(School resumes on Tuesday, January 2)**

KHS Half-Day Schedule for December 21

Warning Bell 7:38am

Block 1: 7:45 - 8:31am

Block 2: 8:38 - 9:24am

Block 3: 9:31-10:17am

Block 4: 10:24 -11:10am *

**There will be a grab and go lunch option at the end of the day. Students can go to the cafe to pick up their lunch and head directly to the bus.*

Morning vocational students will be attending their vocational programs and will not be going to any KHS classes. They will go right to the cafe when they return or leave if they have transportation. Afternoon vocational students should go to blocks 1 & 2 (7:40 - 9:24am) and then are free to go home if they have transportation.

Dismissal at the end of the day will be by voice direction once the buses arrive from MSK.

Club & Team News

- **The KHS Debate Team** won the Medomak Valley High School Tournament on Saturday, December



2, finishing in first over Scarborough, Cape Elizabeth, Edward Little, and Lincoln Academy and several other schools. Individually, **Ethan Eickmann** and **Cole Cerabona** finished 1st and 2nd in the Senate. **Ruth Metcalfe** won and **Laszlo Toth** was 5th in one House Chamber and **Nick Quigley** was 4th in the other House Chamber.

Joe Bergeon advanced to the semifinals at the Princeton University Tournament in New Jersey.

- KHS's **Mock Trial Team** defeated Lewiston today in the semifinal round of the Mock Trial Competition. They face Cape Elizabeth for the championship on Wed. The winning team will represent the State of Maine in the National Championship in Reno, Nevada in May. Congrats to Coach Dupuis and his team!
- **Science Club** is pleased to present guest speaker Dr. Walker will present on Immunology and Antibody Development on **Dec. 13 at 2:45**. Seating is limited for both events. Please see Ms. McLellan in D217 for details and to reserve a seat.
- **Art Club** will not meet this Friday, December 8. Club meetings resume the following week, **December 15, from 2:15-3:30** in Ms. Theiller's room. Cookie decorating and card making will be on the agenda, as well as any free-choice projects during open studio hours! All are welcome to attend.
- **GSTA** weekly meeting -- **Tuesdays at 2:15** in Mr. Menifield's room. All are welcome.



- In partnership with the **KHS Interact Club** and the Kennebunk Rotary, all are invited to the Kennebunk screening of The Humanity Project, a devised documentary film directed by Rachael Yoder and Michael Herman, who traveled to Tanzania earlier this year. Please join us **December 7th at 7pm in the KHS Theater**. Free admission, donate what you can. All proceeds benefit Mloka Village Health Center. Click [HERE](#) for more information!

Please come and bring friends and family! There will be cool surprises and a chance to talk with Rachael and Michael about their future work in Tanzania!

- Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the **KHS Drama Club**
Artistic Director - **Ana Dinino**
Executive Director - **Eli Mowry**
Director of Development - **Morgan Shmalo**
VP Marketing - **Lily McMahon**
Secretary - **Justin Williams**
Resident Stage Manager - **Sophia Hines**
- **Math Team** update: Our **next meet will be January 31st** at Kennebunk High School. Please contact Miss Curtis (lcurtis@rsu21.net) if you would like to help with our first home meet in the new building and/or if you would like to donate food or drink for the coaches room (also to be enjoyed by the mathletes). As always, new members are welcomed and encouraged to attend a practice. New practice material will be available by Monday Dec 11 in Miss Curtis's room or on her website.
- **The Environmental Awareness Club** meets after school on **White Fridays** in Room D213. This Friday, **12/8**, we have a **guest speaker**, Jay Kilbourn, coming to talk about his volunteer work with **Citizens Climate Lobby** - a bipartisan organization which advocates market-based solutions to global climate change.

The Sam Rhine Genetic Update Conference

On October 24th Ms. Nardone and Mr. Battagliese's AP Biology and IB Biology year 1 and 2 students had the opportunity to attend the Sam Rhine Genetic Update Conference at Portland High School. Advanced science students across the state attended this conference to discuss the current research on gene therapy, cancer gene mutations, cancer diagnosis and unique individual treatments.

The conference ran from 9:00 to 12:30 and had a focus on precision medicine. This new emerging approach for disease treatment and prevention takes into account individual variability in genes, environment and lifestyle for each person.

Thank you to the Education Foundation of the Kennebunks and Arundel for graciously supporting this conference so that all thirty-five students could attend. We very much appreciate your support!

News from the Guidance Department

A note to sophomore parents/guardians: PSAT results will be available for students to view their scores next week, December 13th. The school counselors will be meeting with the sophomore class during advisory this week to discuss how to access, review and understand the PSAT/NMSQT scores. Parents: please continue to view your emails for additional resources and information that the school counselors will be sending in regard to PSAT/NMSQT results and retrieving scores.

A note to junior parents/guardians: PSAT results will be available for students to view their scores next week, December 13th. The school counselors will be meeting with the junior class during advisory this week to discuss how to access, review and understand the PSAT/NMSQT scores. Parents: please continue to view your emails for additional resources and information that the school counselors will be sending in regard to PSAT/NMSQT results and retrieving scores.

Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America will stop at KHS from approximately **10-11 AM on Dec. 11** for a ceremony in our theater. Local veterans will participate in the ceremony before the caravan moves down Main Street in Kennebunk.



KHS Winter Concert December 11

On **Monday, December 11th at 7PM**, the KHS Music Department will present their Winter Concert "Stars I Shall Find." This is the first musical performance in the new auditorium and it should not be missed! All Music Department concerts are free and open to the public.

Cookie and cocoa reception to follow in the cafeteria.

Upcoming KHS Spring Musical

We have VERY exciting news to share with you about our next show! **The KHS Theater Department**, in collaboration with **The Public Theater** and **MaineStage Shakespeare** proudly presents...

AS YOU LIKE IT, A MODERN MUSICAL

That's right... fresh off its world premiere in September of this year, presented by The Public, at the Delacorte Theater in New York, this "ravishing new musical adaptation" of William Shakespeare's classic comedy is coming to Kennebunk High. For its very first production outside of New York City!

This timely, hilarious, and touching show provides students an exciting and unique opportunity to work side-by-side with professional theater artists from around the country. In the true sense of collaboration, the creators of the show, along with actors, designers and musicians, will mentor, rehearse and perform with KHS students and community members.

More information coming soon... but suffice it to say... you're going to want to get your tickets early for this one!

Auditions take place on December 15. Please click [HERE](#) for **more information**.

Order your Yearbook TODAY before the Price Goes Up on January 1st!

Order your Yearbook TODAY! We're excited about this school year! One great way to preserve this year's school memories is with a Kennebunk High School yearbook. You can pre-order your yearbook today at ybpay.lifetouch.com using our school Yearbook ID Code 11227318. price is at an all-time low of \$55 until January 1st!

Senior Yearbook Deadlines

Happy December! The next yearbook deadlines on deck are the deadlines for the **baby pictures and throwback pictures--January 5th--**and the **deadline for the parent ads--due by January 14th**.

We can include one baby picture for each senior. If at all possible, these should be in .jpeg format (emailed to khsyearbook17@gmail.com). We recognize that some of these older pictures may not be in electronic format, and we do have the ability to scan hard copies, but please do not send in your only originals. We're as careful as possible, but there's always a chance a photo may get misplaced or damaged.

Throwback pictures generally include groups of students in their younger years. These pictures could span from freshman year all the way back to elementary school--as long as more than one KHS student is in the picture.

Class of 2018 **Parent Ads for Yearbook Info & Deadlines** **Placing a Parent Ad** in the yearbook is a great way not only to honor and recognize your senior, but also to illustrate your pride and love. You can design and pay for the Parent Ads on the Lifetouch website (please click [HERE](#) for more information). If you're having any trouble with the software, or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to khsyearbook17@gmail.com! The deadline for these ads is **January 14th**.

Senior Slideshow

Mrs. Keezer is in charge of the Senior Slideshow. The slideshow and the yearbook are completely separate projects, so any pictures you would also like to appear in the slideshow should be sent to Beth Keezer. Her email address is bkeezer@rsu21.net. Deadline TBD.

Looking for Kennebunk Rams Gear?

Click [HERE](#) to see a wide selection of items from Josten's, the company from which we order all our graduation diplomas and caps & gowns.

Unified Basketball

Those students interested in being a Unified Basketball Partner are asked to complete applications and return electronic or paper forms to jschwartzman@rsu21.net or preetz@rsu21.net **by December 6th**. Those students / families who are interested in having their students participate as a Unified Player should indicate so to preetz@rsu21.net by December 6th also.

Coach Carney, Athletic Director Joe Schwartzman and Liaison Paula Reetz will be contacting participants regarding an upcoming training session for partners, as well as a separate meeting for parents, players and partners which will take place in December.

We look forward to a great season.

The Unified Basketball Schedule for the upcoming season includes:

1/23/2018	3:30 PM	Away Marshwood	A-Marshwood High School
1/26/2018	3:30 PM	Home Massabesic	H-Gym A
1/29/2018	4:00 PM	Home Biddeford	H-Gym A
2/2/2018	3:30 PM	Away York	A-York High School
2/13/2018	3:30 PM	Away Biddeford	A-Biddeford High School
2/15/2018	3:30 PM	Home Wells	H-Gym A
3/2/2018	3:30 PM	Home York	H-Gym A

Class of 2018 Prelude Fundraisers

- **Attention Class of 2018 Students and Parents!!** Thanks to ALL who helped make last weekend an incredible success! Thanks to everyone's efforts, \$7000 was collected to go towards Project Graduation! AMAZING!!! We are looking ahead to this weekend with a few more slots to fill. Please use the following link to sign up to help <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4ea9aa2ba20-class> or click [HERE](#). Everyone's support is appreciated!

Finally, we would like to sell cookies at our cocoa table. If you are able to make a batch or 2 of cookies, please deliver to the Sugar Shack Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. We still need more cocoa, too! Click [HERE](#) if you can help with the cocoa or use this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4ea9aa2ba20-class1>



- **Kennebunk Beach Sand & Ram Ornaments Fundraiser!** The Class of 2018 is offering Kennebunk Beach Sand with Sea Glass and/or Ram ornaments for only \$5 each! There are only a few left, so stop by the main office today!

- There will NOT be a Class of 2018 Project Grad Parent meeting this Thursday, December 7th. The next

Project Grad meeting will be at the regularly scheduled 3rd Thursday of the month, **December 21st at 6:30pm in room D201.**

Class of 2019

THANK YOU to all of the families that bought wreaths from the Class of 2019! It was a very successful fundraiser and the class appreciates your support. We also had a "Pop Up" Wreath shop during Prelude on December 2nd and it was also very successful. All proceeds go toward the Class of 2019 Project Graduation. Don't forget the **YARD SALE in May 2018!** If you are cleaning out this winter, hold onto your stuff! More information to follow. Thank you for your support of the Class of 2019

Class of 2020 Winner-Take-All Raffle

Thank you to all who participated in the Class of 2020 Winner-Take-All Raffle. Our winner was Chuck Stevens! Congratulations! And a huge thank you to Mrs. Amy Johnson for putting it all together and working so hard for the Class!

We Care Projects

Each year, KHS advisories adopt various projects to help others during November and December. Be sure to ask your son or daughter about his/her advisory's project!



Jen Mooney	Holiday Cards to Veterans Home
Meghan Hubacz	We are buying gifts for a 3-year old girl through the "Ogunquit Spirit of Giving" group. We will buy her an outfit as well as a game she has requested.
Alexis Ovington	Creating Christmas Cards for a child with Leukemia whom a student in advisory knows and is working with in Peer Helpers
Francesca Norton	Toy collection for Puerto Rico
Paula Reetz	Holiday Cards for several children battling cancer
Barrett Belanger	St. Martha's Food Pantry: Donating food on the "high needs" list
Beth Hazen	Lucky Pup Rescue "Adopt a Tree"
Mary Kimball	Purchasing gifts for each age group of children at Barbara Bush Children's Hospital
Tom Dupuis	Making holiday cards for patients at SMHC
Bridget Strickland	Animal Welfare Society
Laura Latinski	Christmas presents for Puerto Rico
Megan Murray	Making cards for local nursing home residents and collecting clothes for Kennebunk Cares Closet

Lori Curtis	Raising Funds for Lucky Pup Rescue
Sean Watson	Kennebunk Closet
Josh Viola	Will Fulford Memorial Scholarship Fund
Erin Shanahan	Collecting hats, mittens, scarves with the library for a "Mitten Tree"
Karen Campanella	Kennebunk Cares Closet
Meg Rioux	Lucky Pup Adopt a Tree Festival Tree (made braided dog chews for garland)
Rob Sullivan	Kennebunk Cares Closet
Joy Russo	Mitten Tree in collaboration with Graves Library in Kennebunkport
Maria Varano	Collecting money and hosting regular bake sales to support Grahamtastic
Ben Potvin	Backpacks filled with school supplies to give to students in need
Patty Good	Animal Shelter food toys etc.
Mary Kimball	We shopped for and purchased gifts at Target for all age groups of patients at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. The gifts were delivered to the hospital in Portland on 11/29.
Emily Egan	Come to Me - Mental Health Campaign
Amy Roy	Animal Welfare Society
Renee Doucette	Library mitten/hat/scarf tree
Stephen Knoepfel	Annual Kids shopping Event @ Second Congregational Church in Biddeford
Maria Varano	Grahamtastic- Donation to provide internet access for two months to a child out of school for a long-term or terminal illness.
Laura Latinski	Toy collection for Puerto Rico
Beth Carlson	Toy collection for Puerto Rico
Meg Rioux	Lucky Pup Rescue "Adopt a Tree"
Jane Tucker	Collecting socks and underwear for children for the local Secret Santa program
Judy Pitchforth	Lucky Pup Rescue "Adopt a Tree"
Jenny Theiller	Animal Welfare Society
Joy Russo	Mitten & hat tree in collaboration with Graves Library & Kport Public Health
David Mitchell	Caleb and Quinn Burpee
Erin Shanahan	Mitten and Hat Collection with Library and K'port Public Health
Marnie Rollerson	Animal Welfare Society and Harvest Hills Animal Shelter (food, toys, chewies)
Beth Keezer	Collecting money and hosting regular bake sales to support Grahamtastic
Susan Donaher	Collecting money and hosting regular bake sales to support Grahamtastic

Alumni Reception

Who? KHS Alumni

What? Reception at KHS

When? 12:30 on December 19, 2017

Where? KHS Theater

Why? To talk to the Class of 2019 about the transition to college & careers. To check out the progress on the renovation!

RSVP to Beth Keezer (bkeezer@rsu21.net) or Susan Cressey (scressey@rsu21.net) by **December 15**.



WE WANT YOU

Next Booster Meeting

Monday, January 8 @ 7pm in the KHS Cafeteria

We need your help! Please help support the KHS Athletes.

Community Events

- **Free Prelude Skate Party December 7**

Come on out for the third annual **Prelude Family Skate Party from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Waterhouse Center**. Sponsored by Port Inn Kennebunk and HMSHost, and hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and the York County Coast Star, the night will feature a free hot cocoa bar with all the fixin's, plus holiday tunes. The Waterhouse Center is an open-air skate center in downtown Kennebunk, and all skaters must bring their own equipment. For information, call the Chamber at 967-0857 or visit www.gokennebunks.com. Click [HERE](#) to see the flyer!

- **Make your own Gingerbread House on December 9**

An annual tradition in the Kennebunks, Prelude's gingerbread-house making party will be held from **10:30 to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at The Nonantum Resort**. Admission is \$3 and includes graham crackers, frosting and all the fixin's needed to make a festive candy house. The event is organized and run by the York County Coast Star and the Chamber of Commerce, and this year all proceeds will benefit the Chamber's Adopt-a-Family Christmas program. For reservations, call 967-4050. Click [HERE](#) to see the flyer!

Opportunities and programs from the Brick Store Museum

- **All Aboard!** Come to our Polar Express morning on **December 9 and 16 at 10am at the Brick Store Museum!** Hear a reading of The Polar Express by the Conductor, sip on hot chocolate, and create a holiday craft! (Pajamas are encouraged!) This event is FREE. Please click [HERE](#) to see the poster.

- Hear a reading of Runaway Dreidel by museum staff, sip on hot chocolate, and create a piece of artwork **on December 20 at 4:30pm at the Brick Store Museum**. This event is FREE. Please click [HERE](#) to see the poster.

BRICK STORE MUSEUM

117 Main Street | Kennebunk, ME 04043

[207-985-4802](tel:207-985-4802) | www.brickstoremuseum.org

Museum Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 AM – 5 PM

Wednesday: 10 AM – 6 PM

Saturday: 10 AM – 4 PM

Sunday: 12 PM – 4 PM